

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Remote meeting via Zoom and phone

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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: F. Hoisl, B. Pelegano, A. Connor, L. Bowen, A. Stec, J. Greenfield, T. LaMontagne. P. Arnestad. Absent: A. Fichtel.

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2020 meeting (B. Pelegano/T. LaMontagne), unanimously approved.

D. Presentation of Correspondence

Resident emailed F. Hoisl about the lack of available space in the trailer parking area that ALD owns. The resident reported seeing old boats and parked cars in addition to the trailers. It is not meant for year-round storage. F. Hoisl will visit the area and the BOD can discuss it at the next meeting. There was no other correspondence to report.

E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

Ryan Terrace ROW unauthorized work: Last month a group of residents paid a contractor to make some modifications to this ROW after the work was completed on the town-approved plan. The work was done in an area identified on the plan as an “area of non-disturbance.” Discussion ensued. F. Hoisl will propose a response for the Board to consider.

F. Task List and Action Items

F. Hoisl asked that all the directors make sure that the tasks that they are responsible for are taken care of each month. He pointed out that the website will need to be updated with the results of the elections on the 27th. He also stated that Good Ole Boys tree company will be at the lake on June 18th to take down the dead Ash tree at Oakland ROW and to do some trimming at a few other ROWs.

G. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

Jeff Arpin, 225 Deepwood Drive, Hebron: Last month he asked about the procedure for putting a group of detailed documents – some historical, some having to do with lake health – on the website and offered to help with the task. There are more than 100 documents. F. Hoisl responded that at the next LHC meeting, they can discuss how the information should be organized and then he will meet with L. Bowen to decide how best to upload the information.

H. Receive President's Report

1. F. Hoisl thanked A. Stec for all that she has done for the BOD – her help with communications, the website, the newsletter, and especially Lebanon Roads. This was her last regular BOD meeting. The other BOD members offered their thanks and good

wishes as well. 2. As the state of CT has started their Phase 2 re-opening, and loosening restrictions on gatherings, F. Hoisl said he will contact John Matra, President of ALA , to see when they plan on re-opening the clubhouse for meetings. He feels that it's important to protect the health of BOD members, as well as residents. A. Connor questioned whether the BOD will have a standard for committees to follow regarding when to resume in-person meetings. 3. The BOD Special Election Meeting will be held online on Saturday, June 27 at 10 AM. There are four openings and six nominees. We will do the best we can with online voting.

I. Receive Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports

1. Both the treasurer's and tax collector's reports have been posted to the website. 2. A. Connor reported that tax payments continue to come in so that we will exceed our revenue goals and may not need to dip into the surplus we were planning on spending this year. 3. E. Curtin reported that our website has been set up for online tax bill payment, but it won't actually be functional for payments until July 1. 4. A. Connor reported that she is going to consolidate all the ALD savings from seven bank accounts into one. She will make sure that the money is still insured since the total amount of the accounts will be over \$250,000. Accounting for the different funds will continue as it has been.

J. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports

1. Lake Health: 1. F. Hoisl reported that the minutes of their meetings are on the website. 2. AER will be doing another plant survey in early July. They will be using a power boat, so an email blast will be sent notifying the residents. 3. A weed that A. Fichtel found last month has been tentatively identified as Water starwort – they will have AER take a look when the company is here doing the plant survey.
2. Beaches and ROWs: 1. P. Arnestad has taken over BOD responsibility for this committee. She had several questions/comments for the BOD after their last committee meeting: 1. Where to post the committee meeting minutes? B. Pelegano responded that she should email the 2020 minutes as pdf's to L. Bowen. 2. Why are there "No Parking" signs at the ROWs – are they for the general public or for residents? F. Hoisl responded that the signs mean no parking for anyone. 3. Committee members reported people parking on top of the dam and swimming off the docks at the beach – she is unsure which beach. 5. Committee members told her that there is a wooden board at Cove ROW that is a trip hazard. (She did not inspect it herself.) B. Pelegano suggested she ask former BOD member Maureen Dagon which contractor might have done the work and get their recommendation for repair.
3. Security, Boats: 1. B. Pelegano stated that A. Fichtel will be overseeing security this year. A. Fichtel reported earlier to B. Pelegano that security seems to be working out well so far.
4. Lebanon Roads: A. Stec reported that crowning is taking place on Catherine, Island Beach, Ledge, Beech, and Bush Roads, and some repair work is being done on Manion Lane. This work will take care of the majority of the surplus and

should keep the Lebanon roads in good shape for the summer. She thanked everyone on the BOD, both current and past members.

5. Signs: 1. T. LaMontagne reported that the new signs for the beaches and ROWs are complete and should be installed this week.
6. Communications: 1. L. Bowen did not prepare a report but said she is putting up information on the website and sending out email blasts as fast as she can. F. Hoisl noted that she has been spending a great deal of time getting ready for the online nominations and election meetings.

K. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action

1. Dock rentals: F. Hoisl said he is working with dockmaster Dave Arnold on improvements to the system for next year. A resident sold their boat and no longer needed the dock so a suggestion was made to possibly have split seasons due to the limited amount of spaces. Additionally, for next year's raffle, you cannot enter as a "placeholder" for someone else – you must own a boat in order to enter the raffle.
2. New ramp at Lollipop: F. Hoisl and A. Connor reported that volunteers installed the ramps for the docks this year, but it was difficult for them to handle the old wooden ramp at Lollipop. A new aluminum ramp was ordered for Main beach a few years ago, and a similar one has now been ordered for Lollipop. It will have a handrail, will be safer, and will be lighter weight and easier for our volunteers to remove and re-install.
3. Trash on the points in the NE Cove: L. Bowen reported that her husband had filled up a large bag of trash on the two western points in the NE Cove – kids have been congregating there and leaving cans, broken bottles, grill grates, food wrappers, etc. F. Hoisl will alert Barry Ostrager, who owns the 10-15 feet of shoreline in that area, as well as the landowner who owns the 50 or so acres that the kids are trespassing across to get to the waterfront.
4. A. Connor stated that last month she reported that she and her husband were selling their house and that she would need to resign from the BOD at the end of June. However, she updated that information and reported that they are purchasing another property in the District and she will be able to serve the last two years of her term. She intends to run for treasurer again at the election on the 27th.

L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

Nothing to add at this time.

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (B. Pelegano/P. Arnestad) passed unanimously at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Liz Bowen, Clerk
Amston Lake District

Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.